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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: VIEWS IN LUANDA ON THE CASSINGA RAID, THE ATTACK ON  
KOLWEZI, AND ANGOLAN-NIGERIAN RELATIONS

1. NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR ZEYLSTRA, JUST RETURNED FROM  
AN EIGHT-DAY VISIT IN LUANDA, TOLD CHARGE JUNE 1 THAT  
"THE BYPT INFORMED SOURCES" IN LUANDA SAY THAT THE RECENT  
SOUTH AFRICAN STRIKE IN ANGOLA HAD BEEN WAY OFF TARGET  
AND HAD THEREFORE RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF MANY  
NON-COMBATANTS. HOWEVER, ON THE RETURN FROM THAT  
STRIKE THE SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES BY SHEER LUCK HAD  
BLUNDERED INTO A MAJOR SWAPO BASE. IN CONSEQUENCE  
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THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAD PUT OUT OF ACTION ABOUT  
50 PERCENT OF THE EFFECTIVE SWAPO FORCES.

2. AMBASSADOR ZEYLSTRA SAID THAT THE PREVAILING VIEW  
IN LUANDA IS THAT THE RECENT ATTACK ON KOLWEZI WAS  
INSTIGATED BY THE EAST GERMANS AND THE CUBANS.  
THE INTENTION WAS SIMPLY TO KILL ENOUGH FOREIGNERS

SO THAT ALL THE OTHERS WOULD BE FRIGHTENED AWAY,  
WITH GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ECONOMY OF ZAIRE.

3. AMBASSADOR ZEYLSTRA ON HIS FLIGHT BACK TO LAGOS  
HAD SAT NEXT TO A MR. FOLABEN, CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE  
OF NIGERIAN AIRWAYS IN LUANDA. FOLABEN SAID THAT  
RELATIONS BETWEEN ANGOLA NAD NIGERIAN HAD BEEN COOL FOR  
A LONG TIME BUT THAT THEY HAD FALLEN TO A CONSIDERABLY  
LOWER LEVEL BEGINNING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT  
TO LAGOS BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT WHICH NIGERIA HAD  
GIVEN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN ON RHODESIA. THE  
CHARGE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR HE FOUND THIS STATEMENT  
SURPRISING BECAUSE FMG SUPPORT FOR THE ANGOL-AMERICAN  
PLAN HAD BEEN CLEARLY VISIBLE FOR SOME TIME BEFORE  
THAT. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT ANGOLA SELDOM CAME  
TO DECISIONS OF ITS OWN THESE DAYS AND THAT THE REAL  
REASONS OF THE ACUTAL DECISION-MAKERS MIGHT THEREFORE  
BE DIRRERENT ONES.

4. FOLABEN HAD ALSO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT  
NIGERIA AIRWAYS HAD RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED THAT IT  
COULD ONLY HAVE CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO EXTEND ITS  
PRESENT NON-LUCRATIVE RIGHTS TO FLY BETWEEN LAGOS  
AND LUANDA ON TO LUSAKA (A PROMISING ADD-ON) BECAUSE  
ANGOLA AIRLINES MIGHT ALSO WISH TO FLY THAT  
STRETCH. IN COMPLETE FRUSTRATION NIGERIA AIRWAYS  
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HAD THEN PULLED UP STAKES AND TERMINATED ITS SERVICE  
BETWEEN LAGOS AND LUANDA.  
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